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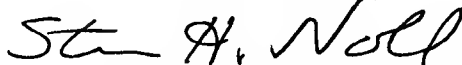
In the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, claims 1, 4, 7, 10-14, 22, 25, 27-31, 39-42, 44-48, 56 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bardy in view of Glace. Claims 5, 26 and 43 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 15-21, 32-38 and 49-55 were allowed.

By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 5 has been embodied in claim 4, the subject matter of claim 26 has been embodied in claim 25, and the subject matter of claim 43 has been embodied in claim 39. The dependency of certain of the dependent claims has been changed, so that all claims of the application depend from one of independent claims 4, 25 or 39. In view of the indicated allowability of claims 5, 26 and 43, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed by Certificate of Mailing on November 29, 2004, and most likely this Information Disclosure Statement had not reached the Patent and Trademark Office file at the time the December 4, 2004 Office Action was rendered. In the next communication, therefore, the Examiner is requested to initial Form 1449 that accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement.

Early reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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